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SUBJECT:NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS LETTER TO
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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US
CHINA RELATIONS SENT LETTER DATED JANUARY 28 SIGNED BY
DOUGLAS P. MURRAY, VICE PRESIDENT, TO CHI CHAO-CHU OF PRCLO.
THERE FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF LETTER AND OF ENCLOSURE WITH
LIST OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER: DEAR MR. CHI: MISS BERRIS AND
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO
US LAST WEEK, AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW BRIEFLY
WITH YOU THE SEVERAL EXCHANGES WHICH WE HOPE CAN TAKE PLACE
THIS YEAR.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT, DURING DR. KISSINGER'S NOVEMBER VISIT
TO CHINA, A NUMBER OF EXCHANGE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS
SUBMITTED EARLIER BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WERE AGREED
UPON IN PRINCIPLE:

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VISITING THE UNITED STATES FROM CHINA:

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1) A WU SHU (MARTIAL ARTS) PERFORMING TROUPE,
PERHAPS IN APRIL, 1974;

2) A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING TRADITIONAL CHINESE

INSTRUMENTS;

- 3) A DELEGATION OF MAYORS, OR MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE LEADERS.

VISITING CHINA FROM THE UNITED STATES:

- 1) A DELEGATION OF WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATION LEADERS, DURING THE SUMMER OF 1974;
- 2) A DELEGATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS AND OFFICIALS, ALSO DURING THE SUMMER OF 1974;
- 3) AN ATHLETIC TEAM

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL BE PLEASED TO SPONSOR AND HELP ARRANGE EACH OF THESE EXCHANGES, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL GREATLY FURTHER THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PEOPLES. IN HOSTING OUR VISITORS FROM CHINA, WE AGAIN WILL WISH TO INVITE THE COOPERATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RESPECTIVE FIELD, FOR EXAMPLE THE CITY CENTER FOR MUSIC AND DRAMA AND THE ASIA SOCIETY, FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, AND THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR THE MUNICIPAL LEADERS DELEGATION.

REGARDING THE AMERICAN VISITS TO CHINA, WE ARE NOW PREPARING TO FORM THESE DELEGATIONS. IN OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, WE HAD REQUESTED THAT THE WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP INCLUDE BETWEEN 15 AND 20 PERSONS, AND THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS GROUP ABOUT 15. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY BOTH THESE CONSTITUENCIES HERE, AND OUR NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF BOTH GROUPS COULD INVOLVE AS MANY AS 20 PERSONS, INCLUDING STAFF ESCORTS.

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AS MENTIONED IN OUR RECENT CONVERSATION, THE WORLD AFFAIRS DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SEVERAL MAJOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION/USA, AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY WORLD AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS OUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH THE GROUP WILL CERTAINLY HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY, THEIR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS WILL BE TO OBTAIN A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE IN CHINA TODAY. WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION, AND A CLEARER

INDICATION OF THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS, WITHIN A FEW

MONTHS.

THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS ALSO WILL HOPE TO VISIT AND SEE MANY ASPECTS OF LIFE AND SOCIETY IN CHINA; HOWEVER, THEY WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HIGHER EDUCATION, AND FOR THIS REASON WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THEIR TRIP AT A TIME WHEN UNIVERSITIES IN CHINA WILL BE IN SESSION, FOR EXAMPLE IN JUNE OR EARLY JULY, RATHER THAN DURING A HOLIDAY PERIOD.

WE LOOK FORWARD EAGERLY TO WELCOMING CHINA'S DELEGATIONS HERE, AND ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REGARDING THE PERFORMING GROUPS, WE HAVE ATTACHED A LIST OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WHICH WE HOPE YOUR COLLEAGUES IN PEKING WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER FOR US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE WU SHU TROUPE MIGHT VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY, AT THIS DATE IT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS FOR A TOUR BEGINNING IN APRIL, UNLESS CERTAIN BASIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS: THE SIZE OF THE GROUP, DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, THE NATURE OF THE PERFORMANCES AND TYPE OF THEATER REQUIRED, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES PER WEEK, ETC. ALTHOUGH WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO SUGGEST THAT THE WU SHU TROUPE COME AT A LATER DATE--IN MAY, JUNE, OR EARLY FALL. WE LOOK FORWARD ALSO TO RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT
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THE NATURE OF THE VARIETY (TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT) TROUPE. WILL IT CONSIST EXCLUSIVELY OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, OR INCLUDE DANCE AND CHORAL ELEMENTS AS WELL? IT IS OUR SUGGESTION THAT, IF THE WU SHU TROUPE DOES COME IN THE SPRING, THE VARIETY TROUPE MIGHT COME PERHAPS SIX MONTHS OR SO LATER, DURING THE AUTUMN OR EARLY WINTER.

WE HOPE ALSO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE "MAYORS" DELEGATION, ESPECIALLY ITS SIZE AND THE NATURE OF ITS INTERESTS. WE WOULD WELCOME A GROUP OF UP TO 20 PERSONS. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THEY WILL BE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH QUESTIONS OF URBAN ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, POLLUTION CONTROL, SEWAGE, ETC., OR BROADER ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY, AND THE KIND AND SIZE OF CITIES THEY WISH TO VISIT. THIS INFORMATION WILL GREATLY INFLUENCE THE TYPE OF PROGRAM AND CO-SPONSORSHIP TO BE ARRANGED. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WE AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE OTHER

PROPOSALS WE SUBMITTED LAST FALL TO THE INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN PEKING, AND TO YOUR LIAISON OFFICE.

SINCE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SCHOLARSHIP IN CHINESE STUDIES, AND SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WILL CONTINUE TO DEPEND HEAVILY UPON THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PRINCIPAL FOUNDATIONS INVOLVED HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR COUNTRY, AND WE HOPE THAT OUR PROPOSAL FOR A DELEGATION OF FOUNDATION OFFICIALS TO VISIT CHINA WILL RECEIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. WE ALSO CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICA'S MAJOR "COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS" (E.G., THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, ROTARY, ETC.) WITH LONG-STANDING INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AS ALSO DESCRIBED IN OUR EARLIER PROPOSAL.

WE ESPECIALLY LOOK FORWARD TO RECIPROCATING THE WARM AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S TWO DELEGATIONS LAST YEAR BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE
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FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT OUR INVITATION WHICH WAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE LAST SUMMER, CAN BE CONFIRMED AND THAT WE WILL SOON BE ABLE TO WELCOME A DELEGATION FROM THE INSTITUTE.
ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT, MR YOST, AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LET ME EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE VALUABLE PROCESS OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM YOU ABOUT THE PROGRAMS MENTIONED ABOVE, AND HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN SECTION I OF THE ATTACHED LIST. IN TURN, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO RAISE WITH US ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MIGHT HAVE.

WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES, YOURS SINCERELY, DOUGLAS P. MURRAY, VICE PRESIDENT. END OF TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES-CHINA RELATIONS. VISIT OF WU SHU/TRADITIONAL VARIETY TROUPE FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

BACKGROUND

WE ARE HAPPY TO LEARN THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A WU SHU TROUPE AND A TRADITIONAL VARIETY ENSEMBLE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. WE HAVE AN URGENT

NEED FOR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN SECTION I BELOW, IN ORDER TO BEGIN MAKING APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS. WE

WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN
SECTION II AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I. URGENT QUESTIONS

A. DATES

1. APPROXIMATE DATES
2. LENGTH OF STAY

B. NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE TROUPE

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1. WHAT IS THEIR TITLE? HOW SHOULD THEY BE LISTED FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLICITY? (FOR EXAMPLE, "WU SHU TROUPE FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA"?)

2. HOW LARGE IS THE DELEGATION?

C. ITINERARY

1. WHERE WILL THE TROUPE COME FROM (WHICH CITY?), AND WHERE WILL THE TROUPE GO TO AFTER LEAVING THE U.S.? IF THE TROUPE WILL ONLY BE VISITING THE U.S., WE REQUEST THAT THEY PURCHASE AROUND-THE-WORLD TICKETS.
2. ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC CITIES, PLACES, OR ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE THEY WISH TO SEE?

D. PERFORMANCES

1. WHAT SPECIAL THEATER ARRANGEMENTS ARE NEEDED?
 - FLOOR SPACE
 - SPACE FOR ORCHESTRA (ON STAGE OR BELOW STAGE?)
 - LIGHTING SYSTEM
 - SOUND SYSTEM
2. HOW MANY PERFORMANCES CAN BE GIVEN PER WEEK?
3. IS THE TROUPE WILLING TO GIVE A MATINEE (AFTERNOON) PERFORMANCE ON THE SAME DAY AS AN EVENING PERFORMANCE?
4. ARE THEY WILLING TO GIVE "DEMONSTRATION-LECTURES" AND/OR TRAINING SESSIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES--FOR EXAMPLE AT COLLEGES, TO THEATER STUDENTS,

ETC.?

II. OTHER QUESTIONS
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- A. NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE TROUPE
- WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION?
- HOW MANY ARE :
- PERFORMERS
 - INTERPRETERS
 - DELEGATION STAFF
 - MEDIA PERSONNEL (JOURNALISTS, PHOTO-
GRAPHERS, ETC.)
 - MEN/WOMEN
- B. HOW SOON CAN WE OBTAIN:
- A LIST OF NAMES OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS
(IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH)?
 - PICTURES OF THE MEMBERS, OR AT LEAST OF
THE LEADING MEMBERS, FOR PUBLICITY
PURPOSES?
 - A PREFERRED ROOMING LIST (WHO WISHES
TO ROOM WITH WHO?)
 - AGES -
 - BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE TROUPE AND THE
ART?

C. PERFORMANCES

1. HOW SOON CAN WE OBTAIN A DETAILED PROGRAM
(THE EVENTS IN EACH PERFORMANCE)? THIS IS
NEEDED FOR PRINTING PROGRAMS AND ARRANGING
PUBLICITY.
2. HOW LONG DOES EACH PERFORMANCE TAKE? HOW
LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SET UP THE STAGE? TO
TAKE DOWN THE EQUIPMENT AFTER A PERFORMANCE
3. MUST THEY PRACTICE EVERY DAY OR ONLY THE DAY
BEFORE A PERFORMANCE? HOW LONG? HOW MUCH
REST IS NEEDED EACH DAY?
4. HOW MUCH TIME DO THEY NEED BEFORE A PER-
FORMANCE TO GET READY?

D. EQUIPMENT AND COSTUMES
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1. HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT IS BEING

BROUGHT? HOW MANY CUBIC FEET DOES IT OCCUPY?

2. WILL THE HOSTS NEED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, EITHER FOR GENERAL USE OR FOR EMERGENCIES?
3. IF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS BEING BROUGHT, WHAT KIND OF CURRENT DOES IT NEED (A.C./ D.C., 110 VOLTS OR 220 VOLTS, HOW MANY KILOWATTS, ETC.)?

E. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

1. HOW LONG BEFORE OR AFTER A PERFORMANCE DO THEY WISH TO EAT? LIGHT MEALS OR MAIN MEALS BEFORE OR AFTER PERFORMANCE?
2. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS.

F. PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE

1. WILL LEADERS OF THE DELEGATION BE WILLING TO TALK WITH JOURNALISTS?
2. WOULD SOME OF THE MEMBERS BE WILLING TO PERFORM ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM IF ASKED?
3. WILL SOME MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESS CONFERENCES?

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